(*b*) if the answer to part (*a*) is in the affirmative, the action taken in the matter?

MR. K. MADHAVA KURUP (*Ag. Secretary to Government*): (*a*) Yes.

(*b*) An investigation has been conducted and the estimates for two tanks, which alone are worth improving, are under preparation.

MR. S. NILAKANTA PILLAI (*Chirayinkil II*): May I know the number of tanks that required improvement, as per the representation from the inhabitants of Kizhavalam *pakuthi* in the Chirayinkil taluk?

MR. K. MADHAVA KURUP (*Ag. Secretary to Government*): There are thirty irrigation tanks in the *pakuthi*.

MR. S. NILAKANTA PILLAI (*Chirayinkil II*): May I know why of these 30 only 2 are considered worthy of improvement?

MR. K. MADHAVA KURUP (*Secretary to Government*): The others are small tanks covering an area of about 6 to 30 cents. Only 2 out of six tanks investigated were found good enough to be repaired and improved.

Non-official visitors of hospitals.

279. *MR. P. C. KURIYAN (*Kottayam I*): Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) whether they have nominated any non-official gentlemen as visitors to the various hospitals in the State;

(*b*) if so, the names of those gentlemen and the respective hospitals to which they have been so nominated; and

(*c*) if not, why not?

MR. JAMES SIMPSON (*Darbar Physician*): (*a*) No.

(*b*) In view of the answer to part (*a*), this does not arise.

(*c*) Such nomination is not considered necessary.

District Surgeon at Kottayam.

280. *MR. P. C. KURIYAN (*Kottayam I*): Will the Government b pleased to state;

(*a*) who the District Surgeon at Kottayam is;

(*b*) his qualifications;

(*c*) how long he has been at Kottayam; and

(*d*) whether the Government have received any representations for his transfer from Kottayam?

MR. JAMES SIMPSON (*Darbar Physician*): (*a*) There is no officer as District Surgeon at Kottayam. If the member means the Medical Officer in charge of the District Hospital, Kottayam, he is Deputy Surgeon Mr. D. W. Isaac;

(*b*) L. M. &. S

(*c*) He has been at Kottayam since 2-11-1107.

(*d*) No such representation has been received.

MR. R. RAMAN PILLAI (*Changanachery* cum *Peermade II*): May I know the period for which the predecessor of the present incumbent was in charge of the Kottayam District Hospital?

MR. JAMES SIMPSON (*Darbar Physician*): I claim notice.

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